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Dear Bill:

I enclose a draft of an article which I am contemplating publishing in the spring edition of Foreign Affairs.

My reasons for sending this to you are three, to wit:

- (1) I thought you and Bedell might be interested in it and might have ideas about it. If Bedell's ideas should happen to be explosive, I want them anyway and will not mind in the least. While I am convinced that some discussion of this sort must soon be carried to the public, if any policy dealing with these matters is to become well established in our Government, I am not at all sure that this is the form the discussion had best take.
- (2) There seemed to be a feeling on Langor's part, at our recent meeting, that it might be well for me to let you know about things that I am writing for publication or for outside consumption.
- (3) This will be of interest to our mutual friend whom I met at your home here the first time I saw you and a couple of whose subordinates were there more recently when I was out there. He too should see this, and should realize that it was written with a view to facilitating projects in which he has an interest. Were the reaction to it to be favorable, I would consider the stage set for action by private circles looking to a revival of the American Society of the Friends of Free Russia, which is mentioned in the article. My idea is that in this case the article, which would almost certainly have received wide publicity, could serve as the basic elements of a program around which all such private activities could be arranged.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

George Kennan
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P.S. I have just about decided that Part I of the article will have to be revised extensively. I am most interested, therefore, in comments on the other parts. GFK